

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Manuel R. SILVA, Jr., et al. ) Confirmation No: 4556  
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Application No.: 10/622,631 ) Group Art Unit: 3752  
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Filed: 21 July 2003 ) Examiner: D.W. Gorman  
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For: DRY SPRINKLER )

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Listed on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are documents known to applicants and identified in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. Copies of some of the identified documents are attached. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of U.S. patents and publications have not been provided. These materials are being identified to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98.

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Specifically cited as reference A1 is currently pending U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0187116 (the '116 Publication), filed on February 15, 2006, having Application No.

11/354,644, and which is directed to a "Dry Sprinkler Assembly." Portions of the '116 Publication's Image File Wrapper are cited as references B1 and B2. Reference B2 is a non-final Office Action dated December 13, 2007, and reference B1 is an amendment response dated March 13, 2008 filed in response to the December 13 Office Action.

Cited as reference A2 is currently pending U.S. Patent Application No. 2006/0113093 (the '093 Publication), filed on December 1, 2004, and having Application No. 11/000,129. The first inventor named in the instant application is also the inventor named in the '093 Publication. A final Office Action was mailed in the examination of the '093 Publication on February 11, 2008.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed contemporaneously with a Request for Continued Examination. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3840.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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